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SUBJECT: IO CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE

MONTREAL FOR ICAO, PARIS FOR UNESCO, NAIROBI FOR UNEP

FOR IO MISSION CHIEF FROM MAYNES

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1. I REGRET THAT SCHEDULING CONFLICTS FORCE ME TO POSTPONE
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OUR IO CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE. I WOULD NOW PROPOSE
THE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON FOR THREE DAYS DURING
THE WEEK OF MAY 15-19.

2. THE FORMAT REMAINS THE SAME WITH A SERIES OF ROUND
TABLE DISCUSSIONS FOLLOWING BRIEF PRESENTATIONS BY PARTICIPANTS
FROM THE DEPARTMENT, OTHER AGENCIES, CONGRESS, THE

PRESS SERVICES, AND THE WHITE HOUSE.

3. OUR REVISED WORKING AGENDA NOW LOOKS LIKE THE FOLLOWING:

A. FIRST SESSION:

- WELCOME AND EXPLANATION OF THE GOALS OF THE MEETING
- CONTRIBUTION OF THE UN SYSTEM TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF

US FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES: USING THE UN AS AN INSTRUMENT OF US FOREIGN POLICY; STRENGTHENING THAT INSTRUMENT; WORKING WITH OTHERS -- ALLIES AND NON-ALLIED -- TO IDENTIFY COMMON CONCERNS AND INTERESTS; VOTING TACTICS; BILATERAL LOBBYING, ETC.

B. SECOND SESSION:

- US RELATIONS WITH THE THIRD WORLD: US PROGRESS ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO THIRD WORLD NATIONS (SOUTHERN AFRICA, MIDDLE EAST, PANAMA CANAL), AND SLOWER PROGRESS ON OTHERS (DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, COMMON FUND, DEBT); EXPECTATIONS REGARDING NEW OVERVIEW MECHANISM; BUILDING SUPPORT AMONG THE CONGRESS AND PUBLIC.

- FUTURE OF US FOREIGN ASSISTANCE: CARTER ADMINISTRATION

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TION EFFORTS UNDER AID; FUNDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE UN; CONGRESSIONAL CONCERNS; THE HUMPHREY BILL; THE YOUNG AMENDMENT.

C. THIRD SESSION:

- IMPROVING USG PARTICIPATION IN THE UN SYSTEM; PROPOSED NEW INITIATIVES FOR INTERAGENCY COORDINATION OF US POLICY; DELEGATION MEMBERSHIP, BRIEFING, AND REPORTING; DEPARTMENT SUPPORT FOR CONFERENCES AND MISSION STAFF; AMERICAN STAFF MEMBERS OF UN AGENCIES.

- DEALING WITH POLITICAL ISSUES: LINKAGE OF VARIOUS POLITICAL AND SUBSTANTIVE CONCERNS; ARAB-ISRAELI ANTAGONISMS; ZAMBIAN AFRICAN QUESTIONS; US-SOVIET RIVALRY; HUMAN RIGHTS; EFFECT OF ILO WITHDRAWAL; AFTERMATH OF UNESCO CUTOFF AND RESTORATION.

D. FOURTH SESSION:

- IMPROVING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE UN AND ITS AFFILI-

LIATED AGENCIES: PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON UN REFORM;
EXPECTATIONS FROM RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE; GETTING
BETTER PLANNING, BUDGETING, PROGRAMMING EVALUATION
AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT FOR UN AGENCIES; IMPROVING
COORDINATION.

- HUMAN RIGHTS: TACTICS OF PURSING US INTERESTS;
RESULTS SO FAR; EFFECT ON OTHER POLICY GOALS IN THE
UN; RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER ACTION.

E. FIFTH SESSION:

- PUBLIC PERCEPTIONS OF AMERICA'S MULTILATERAL DIPLO-
MACY: ATTITUDES TOWARD THE UN; USG AS PERCEIVED BY
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INFORMED OUTSIDERS; PRESS TREATMENT; RECOMMENDA-
TIONS FOR FUTURE STEPS.

- CONGRESSIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON US DIPLOMACY INVOLVING
THE UN: REVIEW OF SUBSTANTIVE AND PROCEDURAL CON-
CERNS EXPRESSED BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS; USG RESPONSE.

F. SIXTH SESSION:

- WRAP-UP MEETING: IMPORTANT TOPICS NOT ADEQUATELY
COVERED; SUMMATION; FOLLOW-UP ITEMS.

4. PLEASE ADVISE IF THESE NEW DATES ARE CLEAR ON YOUR
CALENDAR AND IF YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE. ANY
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED AGENDA ARE, OF COURSE,
WELCOME.

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